



The DoveTale

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Woodworkers of SouthEast Texas

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Members:	55	Present:	20	Visitors:	1
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Our Next Meeting will be Sep. 28th

August 24th Meeting

We held our August meeting at Woodworkers Paradise in Lumberton. Business items included:

- Howard Hartman - Balance is \$2,821.75
- Richard Hicks - 55 members
- Web Site - Rob Emanuel reports that our website www.wwset.org is back in operation and we need more pictures for our gallery
- Library - We currently subscribe to WOOD, WOODSMITH, SHOP NOTES, WOODTURNING DESIGN - The Old Timer's Group will evaluate storage options for library materials
- Toy Drive - A couple of toy-making workdays were held this month
- Old Timer's Group - The September 26th meeting has been cancelled

Next Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be on September 28th at Jerry Shivers' shop in Fannett. Waid Gauthier will present a Kreg jig workshop.

The meeting will begin at 7PM. Be sure to bring a show and tell item and a chair. Also, Jerry will be collecting items to display at the Rice Festival, so if you have anything you would like to include, please bring it to the meeting.

Directions to Jerry's: Take I-10 West toward Houston past Goodyear Rubber plant, exit at Hwy 365 and go left on Hwy 365. Watch for a red barn and one of those yellow highway signs warning "Highway Intersection 1500 ft." Turn right at the intersection onto Mahon Road. Jerry's house is the 2nd brick house on the right. His shop is behind the house.

Winnie Rice Festival

The club voted to have a booth at the Winnie Rice Festival, which runs from September 30th through October 4th. The format will be very much like the Houston Woodworking Show. We will put items up for display only (no selling), in order to promote the club. We are getting the booth space free, but each member that works the show will have to pay admission (seniors over 65 get in free). Jerry will provide the show details at the meeting.

Tool Review



Waid Gauthier swears by the micro fiber dry tack rag. He says that it does a great job of picking up dust and doesn't leave

much residue behind. In addition, when it gets dirty, you can throw it in the washer and reuse it. It's available at www.rockler.com for \$7.49.

Toy Workshops

by Rebecca Phelps

On Sat., Aug 29 and Wed., Sept 2, the Toy Committee hosted toy-making workshops at Steve's workshop. On Saturday, we drew patterns and cut out a hundred horse heads for making stick horses. The Dressels brought back 29 horse heads that he had already sanded the edges and drilled eye holes. We also drew puzzles and cut out almost a hundred puzzles. Others prepared stock for making doll beds and a version of small dolls known as "penny woodens." On Saturday, Toy Chairman Dean Partridge fed us a crock pot dish of ground beef flavored with salsa served over rice and accompanied by his own homemade bread and bundt cake for dessert. It was all yummy!! Attending and enjoying the food and friendship while making lots of progress on toys for the toy project were Red and Kathy Dressel, Steve Brady, Dean Partridge, Ivan Test, Sam Tobey, Lyman Frugia, John and Rebecca Phelps, and Earl Rutherford. Earl and John compared recent injuries. Earl's index finger and a table saw had an encounter, and the finger lost part of its nail. John found himself on the ground with a thickness planer on top of him. He has lots of bruises and is still pretty sore.

On Wednesday, the group managed to finish a portable router table and its riser base, kits for 28 doll beds, assembled a work table for holding 4 router stations, cut out more puzzles and dolls, drilled holes in the horse heads to accept the stick body, drilled holes to accept the horses' eyes, and cleaned up Steve's shop. Dean served another really tasty meal of beans and ground meat over rice, homemade bread, and a pound cake for dessert. Wednesday's work crew included Dean Partridge, Sam Tobey, Ivan Test, and John and Rebecca Phelps. Next toy-making session is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Show and Tells



David and Lorelei Mayer built this Cherry Classic Huntboard table from plans they found in the June 2009 issue of

Popular Woodworking.



Kris Castle brought one of his cabinet doors that used wood and glass panels.



Tod Braquet brought before and after pictures of his recent shop expansion.



Earl Rutherford brought a table saw push stick that he made from water oak and walnut.



Sam Tobey brought pictures of a small table with a drawer that he made out of German beech.



Ian Stewart built this roll top desk out of mahogany. B.J. Holt applied the finish.



Dean Partridge brought a sample of a stool/chair that will be one of the toy drive items.



B.J. Holt brought a carved sign that was done with an over-arm pin router.

Troy Gallier won the door prize, \$25 since he didn't have a show and tell item.

Program

B.J. Holt presented the program on the finishing job that he did on the roll top desk. The desk was made from scrap mahogany from a local cabinet shop, so it had a lot of color variation. In order to even out the color, he used an alcohol-based alkaline dye stain that would not raise the grain of the wood like water-based stains, and he sprayed the stain on with a spray gun. This initial dye staining provided the background color, which he followed up with a dark, pigmented stain to enhance the grain of the wood.

After waiting seven days for the pigmented wiping stain to dry, he applied multiple coats of Deft nitrocellulose lacquer. The dark stain that B.J. used to finish the desk gave it the appearance of walnut. He even fooled some expert woodworking club members!

Many members commented that B.J.'s excellent finishing job complemented the craftsmanship the Ian put into making the desk.

Thanks to B.J. and Ian for a very informative program on staining and finishing.

Auction

Steve Brady will conduct a sealed-bid auction for the brand new Delta motor, part number 62-185 valued at about \$450, donated by Glen Kenny. The auction will close at the October 26th meeting. Bring your sealed bid to the meeting or you can send it to:

Steve Brady
6835 N HWY 105
Vidor, TX 77662

Club Election

By Rebecca Phelps

At the September meeting, the President will be appointing a Nominating Committee to come up with a slate of officers for the November elections. If you would like to serve on the committee this year, please let Rebecca know. The officers to be elected are Vice President/President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. **IMPORTANT:** If you would like to run for any of these offices, please be prepared to contact the Nominating Committee after they are appointed. As a member of this club, one of your responsibilities is to participate in club activities. That includes occasionally serving as a club officer. Your club needs YOU!